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[EPA Agrees to Florida Regional Haze Schedule](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to deadlines by which it must act on Florida's state plan for reducing regional haze (National Parks Conservation Ass'n v. Jackson, D.D.C., No. 11-1548, consent decree filed 7/20/12)....

Air Pollution
[EPA Faces Challenges Over Attainment Designations for 2008 Ozone Standard](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is facing legal challenges over its decision to designate 46 areas of the country as being in nonattainment of the 2008 air quality standard for ozone (Texas Pipeline Ass'n v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 12-1312,...

Brownfields
[New York's Site Cleanup Program At Critical Juncture, Attorney Says](#)

New York's brownfields cleanup program, one of the key drivers for economic development in the state, is at a crossroads, an attorney told a webinar July 25....

Climate Change
[Britain Seeks Comment on Greenhouse Gas Reporting](#)

LONDON The British government July 25 called for public comments on draft regulations that would require all companies listed on the London Stock Exchange to report their greenhouse gas emissions. The Department for Environment,...

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[House Bill Would Block EPA Power Plant Rule Until Carbon Capture Deemed Viable](#)

House legislation introduced July 24 would block the Environmental Protection Agency from finalizing a rule requiring new coal-fired power plants to install carbon capture systems until such systems are economically and technologically...

Climate Change
[Several Legal Issues Surrounding Climate Change Need to Be Resolved, Report Says](#)

The courts still need to address liability for climate change impacts and various other legal issues related to greenhouse gases, the Congressional Research Service said in a new report....

Climate Change
[Sierra Club Sues San Diego County Over Greenhouse Gas, Climate Measures](#)

LOS ANGELES The Sierra Club has filed a lawsuit challenging San Diego County's approval of greenhouse gas review standards and a climate action plan (Sierra Club v. County of San Diego, Calif. Super. Ct., No. 37-2012-00101054,...

Drilling
[Environmental Groups Urge Colorado Commission to Increase Drilling Setbacks](#)

DENVER Three environmental groups asked the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on July 25 to begin a rulemaking process for increasing required setbacks for oil and gas drilling....

Drilling
[House Passes Offshore Drilling Bill To Increase Lease Sales in Next Five Years](#)

Republicans continued their opposition to President Obama's energy policies with passage July 25 of a House bill (H.R. 6082) to significantly expand offshore drilling....

Drinking Water
[EPA Completes Testing of Wells Near Pennsylvania Drilling Sites, Finds Water Safe](#)

PHILADELPHIA The Environmental Protection Agency has completed its sampling of private drinking water wells near Dimock, the Pennsylvania town where groundwater contamination was linked to natural gas drilling in 2009, and has...

Emissions Trading
[European Commission Defers Decision On Changes to Timing of Allowance Auctions](#)

BRUSSELS A decision on a plan to boost the European Union's carbon price by changing the timing of carbon allowance auctions will be deferred until after the summer while other legal issues are considered, the European Commission...

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[South Korea Aims to Start Trading System With 100 Percent Free Allocations in 2015](#)

SEOUL A set of rules to implement South Korea's greenhouse gas emissions trading law was proposed July 24 by the Presidential Committee on Green Growth and the Ministry of Environment. ...

Energy
[House Panel Approves Bill to Phase Out Energy Department Loan Guarantee Program](#)

A House subcommittee approved legislation July 25 that would phase out the Energy Department's loan guarantee program, after voting down a Democratic amendment that would have simply put the program on hold....

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Oil Spills

[Republicans Plan Further Push to Obtain Answers on 2010 Gulf Drilling Moratorium](#)

Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee said July 25 that they will continue trying to obtain documents and explanations from the Interior Department about an incorrect statement in 2010 concerning a drilling moratorium in...

Pesticides
[EPA Grants Emergency Exemptions for Use Of Insecticide Spirotetramat in Some States](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency granted emergency exemptions for the use of pesticides in 24 states, including exemptions allowing use of the insecticide spirotetramat, according to a notice published July 25 (77 Fed. Reg. 43,593)....
Regulatory Policy

[House Takes Up Amendments on Bill To Freeze Pending Major Federal Rules](#)

The House began debate July 25 on amendments to a regulatory reform package that would halt all major pending federal regulations but only after Republicans were forced to fix a typographical error that appeared to suggest regulations would...

Solid Waste
[Plastic Recycling Organization Offers Guidance for Labels on Plastic Bottles](#)

The Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers (APR) has announced new guidance for plastic bottle producers to combat the "serious problem" of recycling new sleeve labels on plastic bottles. ...

Storage Tanks
[U.K. Report Says Tank Shape Affects Amount Of Flammable Vapor Produced by Overfilling](#)

The shape of a storage tank will determine the amount of flammable vapors produced when a tank is overfilled with volatile liquids, research by health and safety regulators in the United Kingdom has found....

Sustainability
[1,200 Businesses, Organizations Ask GSA to Continue Supporting LEED](#)

More than 1,200 businesses, building professionals, environmental organizations, unions, cities, and individuals July 25 asked the General Services Administration to continue supporting one particular third-party green building...

Toxic Substances
[Senate Committee Passes TSCA Reform Bill; Republicans Call for Further Negotiations](#)
The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed legislation July 25 that would overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act by giving the Environmental Protection Agency greater authority to manage chemicals and increasing chemical...

Toxic Substances
[South Korean Assembly to Consider REACH-Style Legislation in September](#)
SEOUL South Korea's push to create its own version of the European Union's REACH law will reach the National Assembly in September after much debate over the cost consequences for businesses manufacturing, or importing chemicals,...

Trade
[EU Solar Panel Makers Expected to File Dumping Complaint Against Chinese Products](#)
BRUSSELS Some of the leading European solar panel manufacturers are expected to soon file a trade complaint with the European Commission calling for anti-dumping duties on competing products produced in China, according to the largest...

Transportation
[N.C. Seeking Comment on Bridge Permit Application](#)
RALEIGH, N.C. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources is accepting public comment through Aug. 11 on a permit application from the state Department of Transportation for replacing the aging Bonner Bridge...

Water Pollution
[Coast Guard Extends Comment Period on Ferry Rule](#)
The Coast Guard will extend by 60 days the comment period on a proposed rule to exempt oceangoing ferries from installing oil-filtering equipment because it did not originally post a regulatory analysis to the proposed rulemaking docket....

Water Pollution
[EPA: Median Household Income Not Sole Indicator of Ability to Comply With Water Act](#)
The Environmental Protection Agency's top water official clarified July 25 that the median household income threshold set in 1997 guidance is not the only measure the agency uses to ascertain a community's financial ability to comply...

Water Pollution
[EPA Defends Visual Monitoring of Pesticide Applications in General Permit](#)
An Environmental Protection Agency official defended the agency's decision to require visual monitoring instead of monitoring with scientific instruments to determine compliance with the pesticide general permit....

Water Pollution
[Florida Groups Sue Corps Over Water Flow Restrictions on Caloosahatchee River](#)
TAMPA, Fla. A coalition of environmental and conservation groups have filed a federal lawsuit alleging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers caused severe water quality declines in the Caloosahatchee River by reducing its water flow (Florida...

Water Pollution
[Georgia River Group Files Citizen Suit To Halt Discharges From Textile Company](#)
TAMPA, Fla. A Georgia environmental group filed a federal lawsuit July 23 alleging that unpermitted pollution discharges from a textile company into the Ogeechee River violate the Clean Water Act (Ogeechee-Canoochee Riverkeeper...

Water Pollution
[Rep. Gibbs to Introduce Legislation To Fund Water Infrastructure, Pilot Projects](#)
Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio) told BNA July 25 that he plans to introduce a bill that would provide financing for water infrastructure projects as well as pilot projects to demonstrate how to use the Environmental Protection Agency's

integrated...
Water Pollution
[Report Says Water Quality Assessments
Should Focus on Monitoring, Modeling](#)
The U.S. Geological Survey's National Water Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA) should continue to focus on monitoring rivers and basins across the country to support water quality status and trend assessments, according to a prepublication...
Water Resources
[California, Federal Officials Outline Plan
For Tunnels to Move Sacramento River Water](#)
LOS ANGELES California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) and Obama administration officials July 25 unveiled plans to build a pair of huge tunnels to move Sacramento River water south to cities and farms....
Water Resources
[California Grower Asks U.S. Supreme Court
To Conduct Review of Water Transfer Pact](#)
LOS ANGELES A California agricultural company has taken its legal battle over Colorado River water transfer pacts finalized in 2003 to the U.S. Supreme Court (Cuatro Del Mar v. Imperial Irrigation District, U.S., No. 12-53, 7/11/12)....
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[Federal Funding Needed for Water Efficiency,
Data Gathering, Witnesses Tell Senate Panel](#)
Representatives of companies and research organizations told a Senate hearing July 25 that increased federal funding is needed for water metering and water efficiency programs....
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[Indian Court Order Highlights Challenges
Businesses Face From Water Scarcity](#)
MUMBAI A state high court order directing state authorities not to give permits to builders who withdraw groundwater has shone a spotlight on India's impending water crisis while prompting calls from businesses and activists...
Wetlands
[Senate Committee Approves Bill to Extend
Wetlands Conservation Program to 2017](#)
The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved a bill July 25 to extend a federal program of collaborative investments in wetland conservation....
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